Tamil Nadu as expenditure not covered under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) guidelines. The State Project Director SSA Andhra Pradesh informed that an amount of Rs. 14.98 crore of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)/SSA had been diverted to unauthorized bank accounts by an assistant account officer of SSA Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Government of India issued instructions to the States/UTs to refund the above mentioned amount to States SSA account Rs. 5.5769 crore from Assam, Rs. 1.44 crore from Bihar, Rs. 22.92 crore from Gujarat and Rs. 2.4392 crore from Karnataka have been recouped.

In Andhra Pradesh, an FIR has been lodged and the matter referred to the CID by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for further investigations. At the instance of Government of India, the State Government has suspended three account officials and transferred another three out of the State Project Office of SSA/DPEP.

The States/UTs have already been strictly instructed to avoid recurrence of such instances in future. Govt. of India is monitoring the use of SSA funds through annual States/UTs audits, independent concurrent financial reviews and field monitoring through 41 independent Monitoring Institutions.

Schemes for SC and ST Students

*78. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is sponsoring various schemes through State Governments enable the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students to pursue their education;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes and the funding pattern thereof and the funds released during 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the implementation of the schemes has failed in the State due to improper planning, inefficient budgeting, poor-spervision, etc. especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the details of the schemes are given in the statement (*See.*below).

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Schemes for SC and ST Students

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Schemes for SCs students sponsoring through State Governments	Details of the scheme	Funding Pattern	Release 2005-06	Release 2006-07
1.	Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana	Under the Scheme the assistance is provided to State Govt./UT Administrations, central and state Universities/Institutions, Deemed Universities and Non-Governmental Organizations for construction and expansion of existiang hostel building for SC Girls & Boys.	**For Girls Hostels:** 100% Central assistance to State Govt./UTs & Central & State Universities/institutions and 90% to NGO & Deemed Universities in private sector only for expansion of the existing hostel facilities.	25.68	28.81
			For Boys Hostels: 50% Central assistance to State Govts. and 100% to UTs.	26.58	25.23
			90% Central assistance to Central Universities/institutions 45% to State Universities/institutions.		
2.	Upgradation of merit of SC Students	To upgrade the merit of Scheduled Castes students (target group IX to XII) by providing them facilities for all round development through education in residential schools.	100% Central assistance to State Govt./UTs.	6.22	2.99
3.	Post Matric Scholarship for SC Students	The scheme aims to provide financial assistance to SC students studying at post matriculation stage to enable them to complete their education.	100% Central assistance to States/UTs over & above their respective committed liability. North Eastern States have been exempted from making their own budgetary provisions towards committed liability.	548.10	526.03
4.	Scheme of Pre Matric Scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupation	Objective of the Scheme is to financially assist the children of scavengers, sweepers having traditional link with scavenging, flayers and tanners, irrespective of their religion, to pursue education upto matriculation level.	Central assistance is provided to the State Governments on 50:50 basis and 100% to Union Territory Administrations over and above their Committed Liability.	10.80	20.25

Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme for SCs students sponsoring through State Governments	Details of the scheme	Funding Pattern	Release 2005-06	Release 2006-07
1.	Boys/Girls Hostels Scheme for STs.	Under the scheme central assistance is given to states/UTs for construction of new hostel buildings and/or extension of existiang hostels	In this scheme the cost of the construction of the hostel building is equally share between the Centre and State in ratio 50:50.	20.65	28.10
2.	Ashram School	The scheme aims to extend facilities like establishment of residential schools for STs in an environment conducive to learning to increase the literacy rates among the tribal students.	The funding for the scheme to the State is done on matching i.e. 50:50 basis. To Union Territories 100% assistance is given.	6.00	15.50
3.	Post Matric Scholarship for STs	Under the scheme financial assistance is provided to STs students for pursuing Post-Matriculation recognized courses in recognized institutions.	100% Central assistance to States/UTs over & above their respective committed liability. North Eastern States have been exempted from making their own budgetary provisions towards committed liability.	210.18	255.03
4.	Upgradation of Merit	The objective of the scheme is to upgrade the merit of ST students by providing them remedial and special coaching in classes IX to XII	100% Central assistance is provided to the States/UTs.	1.00	1.50
5.	Vocational Training Centre	The main aim of this scheme is to develop the skill of the tribal youth in order to enable them to gain employment/self employment opportunities	100% Central assistance is provided to the States/UTs.	4.85	7.00